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Letter dated 3 November 2000 from the Permanent Representative of New Zealand to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have been instructed by my Government to advise you that New Zealand would like to apply for admission to the Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).

New Zealand has been an observer to the Executive Committee for many years and is a strong supporter of the work of UNHCR. Consistent with our engagement in global burden-sharing regarding refugee issues, we have taken the decision that we would like to engage more formally in the Executive Committee.

It is my understanding that, subject to your favourable consideration of our application, the Council would consider a request to increase by one the number of members of the Executive Committee. If this is agreeable, the Council could then "elect" New Zealand to be the new member of the Executive Committee.

We are looking forward to strengthening our contribution to this important aspect of the work of the United Nations through our Executive Committee membership and hope that you will consider our application favourably.

(*Signed*) Michael **Powles**
Permanent Representative

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